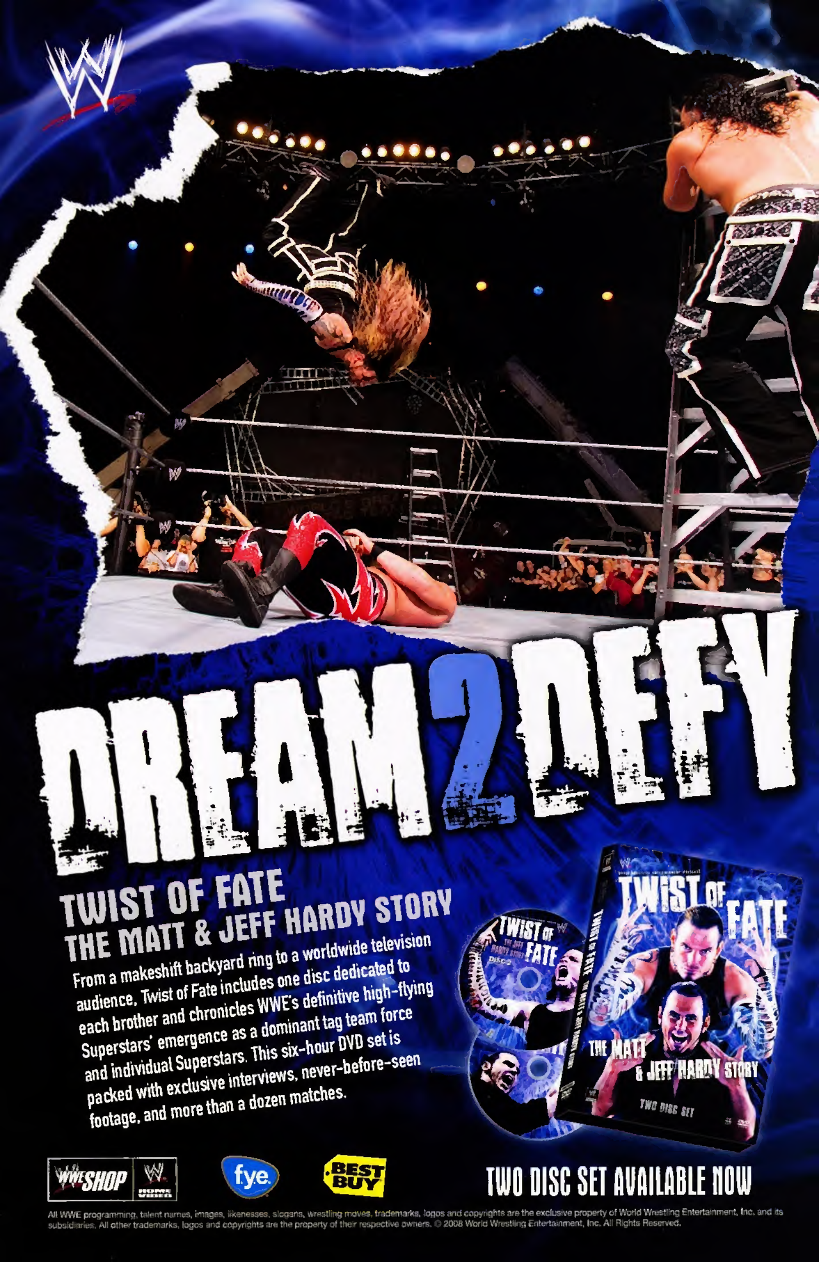
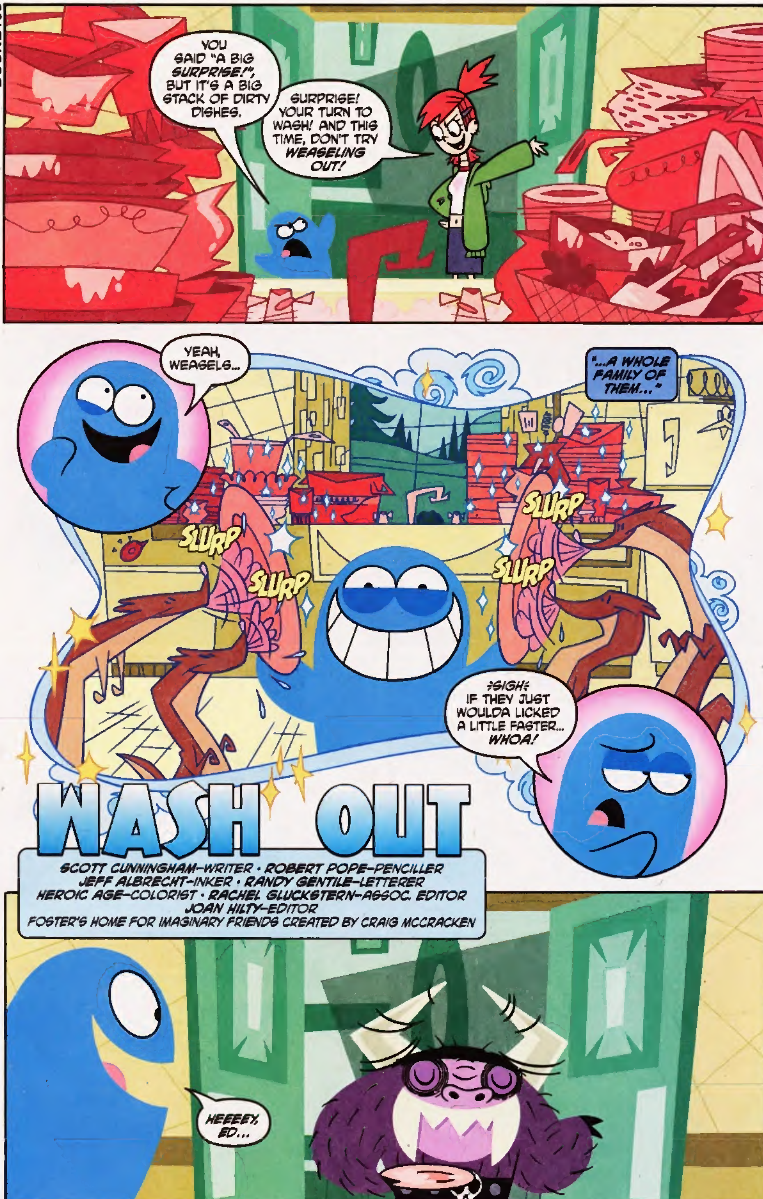


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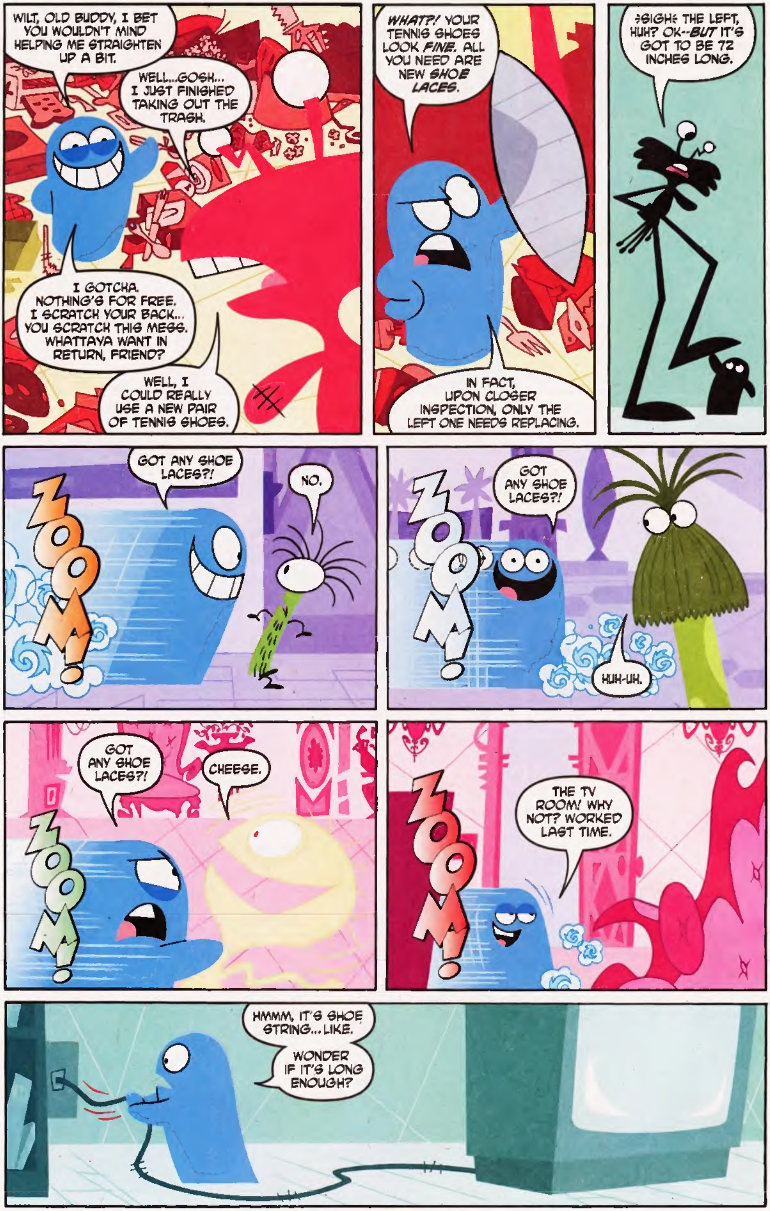
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YOU SAID "A BIG SURPRISE!", BUT IT'S A BIG STACK OF DIRTY DISHES.
SURPRISE! YOUR TURN TO WASH! AND THIS TIME, DON'T TRY WEASELING OUT!
YEAH, WEASELS...
"...A WHOLE FAMILY OF THEM..."
SLURP
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SLURP
SIGH IF THEY JUST WOULDA LICKED A LITTLE FASTER... WHOA!
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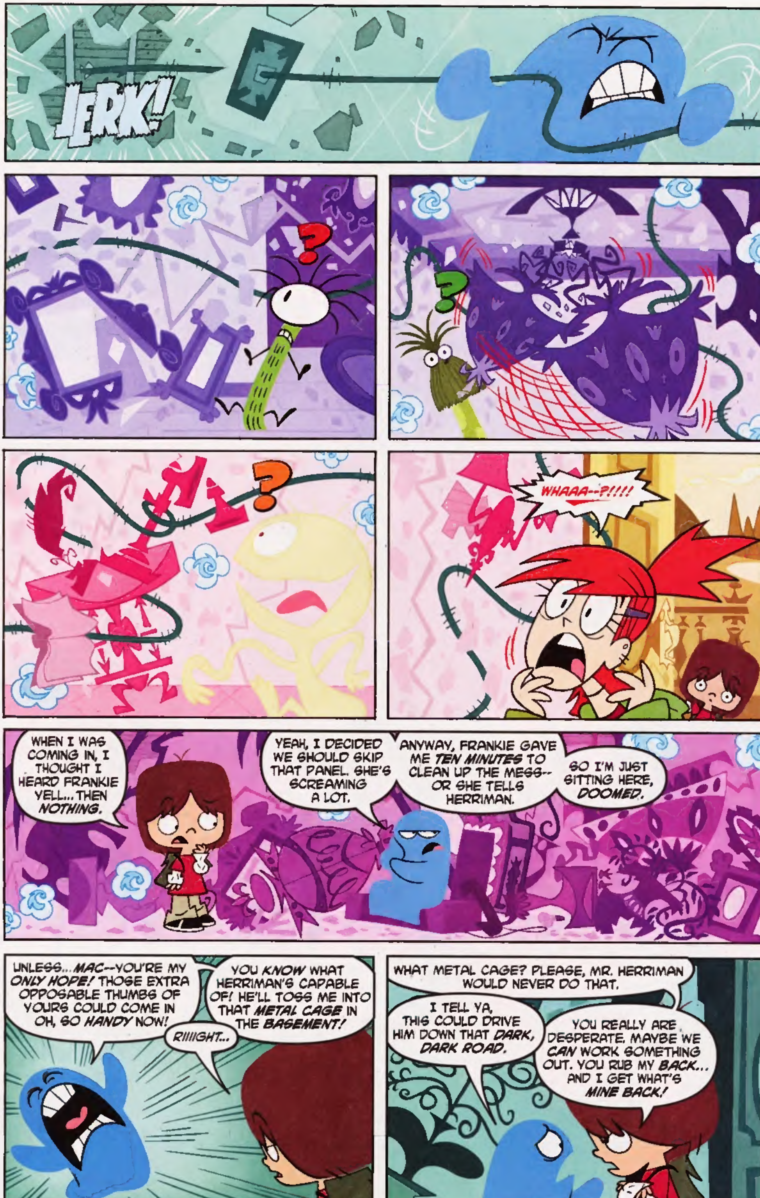

ED, WOULD YOU MIND HELPING AN OLD FRIEND WASH A FEW DISHES?
WELL, NOT SURE...
OK, SAY NO MORE. I UNDERSTAND. FAIR'S FAIR. I RUB YOUR BACK...YOU WASH MY DISHES, SO TO SPEAK. SO, WHADDA YOU NEED, PAL?
HMMM... BAG OF POTATO CHIPS?
A WHOLE BAG, JUST TO WASH THESE DISHES?!
UH...HALF A BAG?
SO, YOUR OLD BUD IS MADE OF CHIPS, EH? HOW ABOUT ONE CHIP, MR. GIMME GIMME?
SI, SI... BUT IT MUST BE BBQ CHIP! NO SUBSTITUTES.
WHAT A SUCKER! THERE'RE ALWAYS CHIPS AROUND HERE... SOMEWHERE.
PROBABLY JUST HIDING BEHIND THE...NEXT TO THE... UNDER THE...
...SUCKER!
ZOOM!
GOT ANY BBQ POTATO CHIPS?!
NO.
ZOOM
GOT ANY BBQ POTATO CHIPS?!
HUH-UH.
ZOOM!
GOT ANY BBQ POTATO CHIPS?!
CHEESE.
ZOOM!
THE TV ROOM! YEAH-- THERE'S ALWAYS A SPARE CHIP UNDER THE COUCH CUSHION!



HMMM, HARD TO TELL... BUT I'M GUESSING CRACKER. GOOD ENOUGH!
NOW, BACK TO THE KITCHEN...
GEEZ--WHAT A MESS! HOW AM I GONNA FIND ANYTHING?!
WHO'S THE SLOB--
OH, YEAH...
SOON...
NO BBQ SAUCE... BUT I FOUND OTHER STUFF TO SPICE A CRACKER UP.
CINNAMON, CLOVES, CHUTNEY, CARAWAY, CARDAMOM, CAYENNE, CHILI POWER, CLOVES, CORIANDER, CUMIN, CURRY, CATSUP. AND THAT'S JUST THE "C"S!
NOW JUST FRY IT UP IN BACON FAT, AND--
WHAT?!
OH, UHHH... HI. IN MY DEFENSE, ALL THIS IS LEADING TO CLEAN DISHES.
...CLEAN BOTH MESSES UP, PRONTO!
AND DON'T TRY WEASELING OUT AGAIN!
HMMM...
AND DON'T WASTE TIME WITH ANOTHER FLASHBACK, EITHER!
POP
...GOES THE WEASELS.



WILT, OLD BUDDY, I BET YOU WOULDN'T MIND HELPING ME STRAIGHTEN UP A BIT.
WELL...GOSH... I JUST FINISHED TAKING OUT THE TRASH.
I GOTCHA. NOTHING'S FOR FREE. I SCRATCH YOUR BACK... YOU SCRATCH THIS MESS. WHATTAYA WANT IN RETURN, FRIEND?
WELL, I COULD REALLY USE A NEW PAIR OF TENNIS SHOES.
WHAT?! YOUR TENNIS SHOES LOOK FINE. ALL YOU NEED ARE NEW SHOE LACES.
IN FACT, UPON CLOSER INSPECTION, ONLY THE LEFT ONE NEEDS REPLACING.
SIGH THE LEFT, HUH? OK--BUT IT'S GOT TO BE 72 INCHES LONG.
GOT ANY SHOE LACES?!
ZOOM!
NO.
GOT ANY SHOE LACES?!
ZOOM!
HUH-UH.
GOT ANY SHOE LACES?!
CHEESE.
ZOOM!
ZOOM!
THE TV ROOM! WHY NOT? WORKED LAST TIME.
HMMM, IT'S SHOE STRING...LIKE.
WONDER IF IT'S LONG ENOUGH?



JERK!
WHAAA--?!!!!
WHEN I WAS COMING IN, I THOUGHT I HEARD FRANKIE YELL... THEN NOTHING.
YEAH, I DECIDED WE SHOULD SKIP THAT PANEL. SHE'S SCREAMING A LOT.
ANYWAY, FRANKIE GAVE ME TEN MINUTES TO CLEAN UP THE MESS-- OR SHE TELLS HERRIMAN.
SO I'M JUST SITTING HERE, DOOMED.
UNLESS... MAC--YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE! THOSE EXTRA OPPOSABLE THUMBS OF YOURS COULD COME IN OH, SO HANDY NOW!
YOU KNOW WHAT HERRIMAN'S CAPABLE OF! HE'LL TOSS ME INTO THAT METAL CAGE IN THE BASEMENT!
RIIIIGHT...
WHAT METAL CAGE? PLEASE, MR. HERRIMAN WOULD NEVER DO THAT.
I TELL YA, THIS COULD DRIVE HIM DOWN THAT DARK, DARK ROAD.
YOU REALLY ARE DESPERATE. MAYBE WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT. YOU RUB MY BACK... AND I GET WHAT'S MINE BACK!


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IF I HELP YOU, THEN I WANT YOU TO FINALLY RETURN MY SUPER-DISC WIND-GLIDER! I WAS WEARING DIAPERS WHEN YOU BORROWED IT.
I REMEMBER! WHITE, RIGHT?
WHAT--THE GLIDER?
NO, THE DIAPERS.
I'M TALKING ABOUT THE GLIDER!
MIGHT STILL HAVE THAT, TOO. HMMM...
MAC'S SUCH A BIG BABY--WHAT'S WRONG WITH THROWING THIS OUT WINDOWS? I'LL DO IT WHILE HIS DIAPER'S BEING CHANGED. HE'LL NEVER KNOW.
SWOOSH
CRASH
VAA-ROOOMM
WELL, MAC SHOULDA SAID THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T THROW IT OUT WINDOWS.
YEAH, FRIEND, HELP ME OUT... AND THAT PAIR OF DIAPERS IS YOURS!
GLIDER... GLIDER! WHICH IS ALREADY MINE! AND HOW COME YOU LOOKED ALL FUNNY FOR A SECOND...DID YOU HAVE ANOTHER FLASHBACK? BECAUSE FRANKIE WARNED YOU.
SORRY, DON'T RECALL.



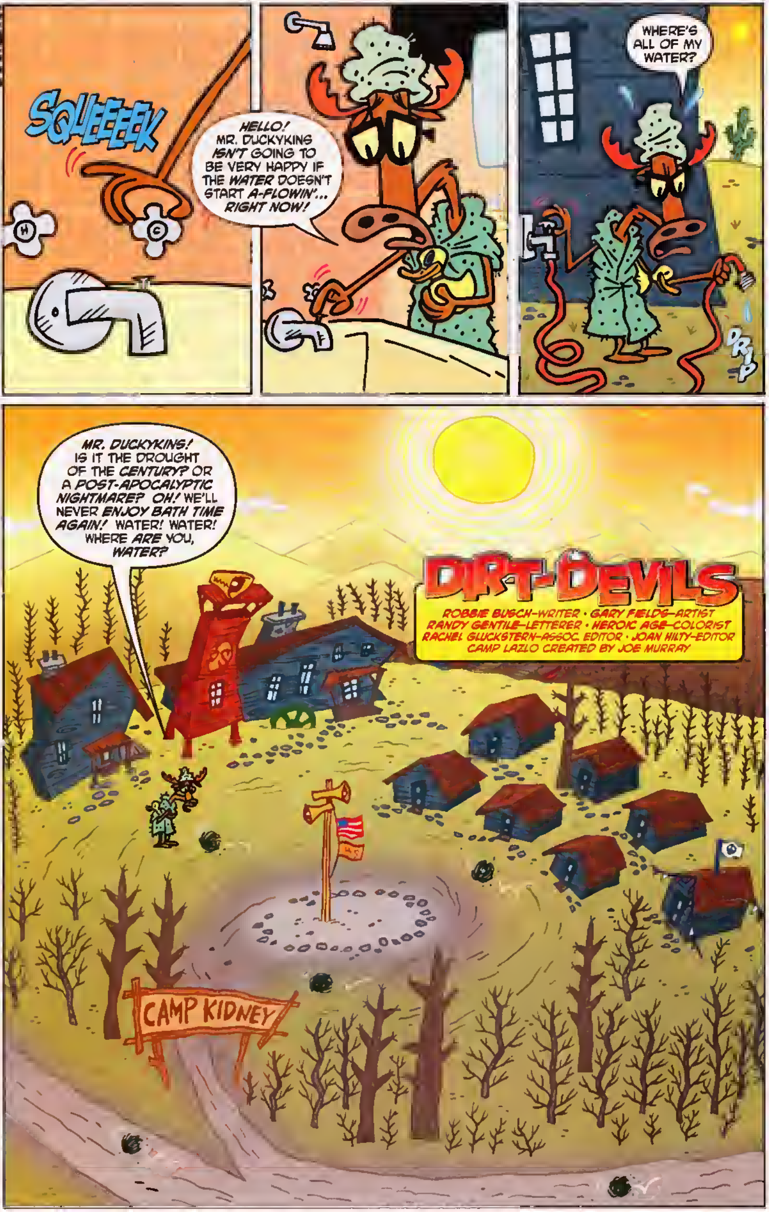
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THE CLOCK IS TICKING! I NEED A BBQ CHIP, A SHOELACE TIP AND A SUPER DISC!
HURRIED THOUGH I AM...THAT STILL SOUNDED DELIGHTFULLY RHYTHMIC!
AND I NEED THEM ALL IN LESS THAN TWO MINUTES! IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS THAT I WISH I COULD MAGICALLY JUST LAY AN EGG AND HAVE ANYTHING I WANTED.
DING
BLOO'S NOT THE ONLY ONE AROUND HERE WHO CAN SKIP A PANEL...
...SO YOU SEE, I ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO HAVE YOUR HELP OR I'LL SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN HERRIMAN'S EVIL BASEMENT DUNGEON!!!
CO-COCO-COCO-CO-CO.
YOU WILL! YOU'LL LAY EGGS WITH EVERYTHING I NEED! OH, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
POP
POP
POP
POP
OK, COCO, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
COCO COCO CO-CO CO-COCO CO.
IT'S A DEAL.
AND I WILL DEFINITELY ÷HEH-HEH÷ WEASEL OUT OF THIS ONE!



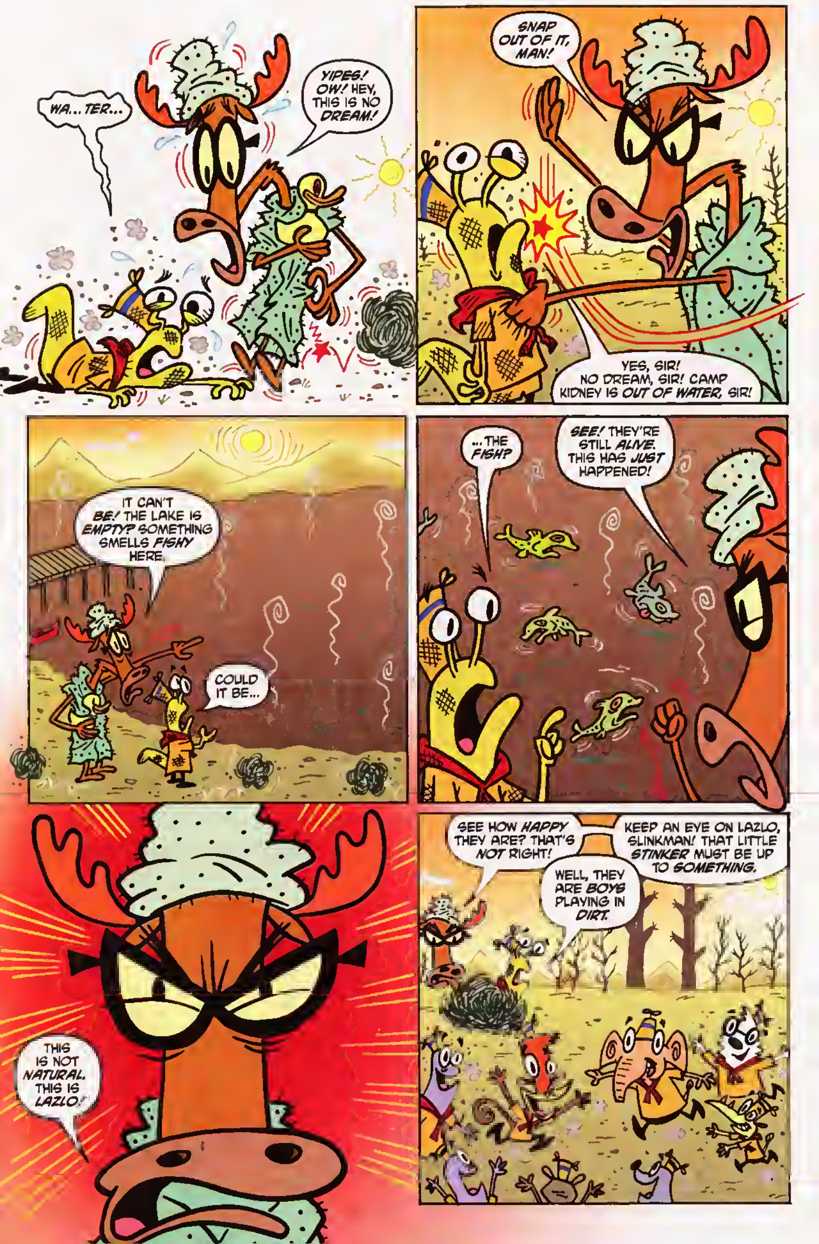
AHHHHH *SIGH*
AHHHHH *SIGH*
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
SWOOP
AHHHHH *SIGH*
CO-CO-COCO...
SWOOP
SIGH
End

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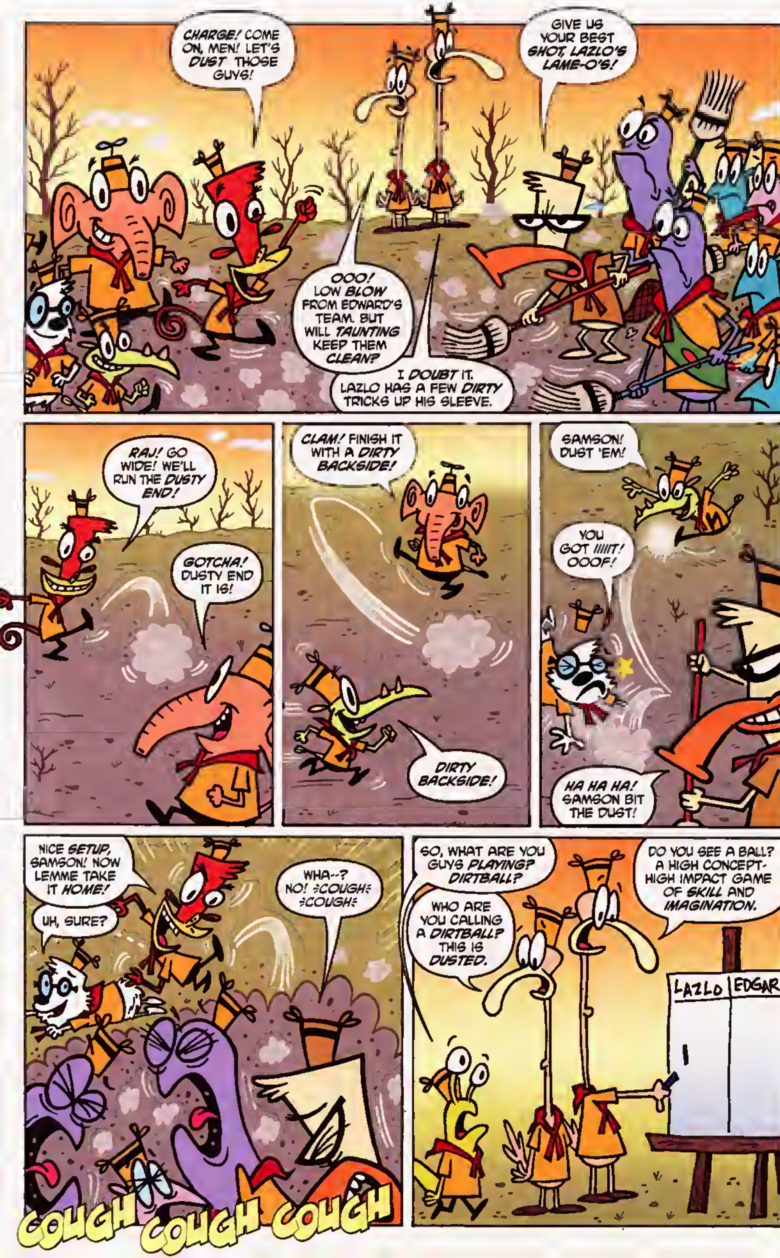

SQUEEEEK
HELLO! MR. DUCKYKINS ISN'T GOING TO BE VERY HAPPY IF THE WATER DOESN'T START A-FLOWIN'... RIGHT NOW!
WHERE'S ALL OF MY WATER?
DRIP
MR. DUCKYKINS! IS IT THE DROUGHT OF THE CENTURY? OR A POST-APOCALYPTIC NIGHTMARE? OH! WE'LL NEVER ENJOY BATH TIME AGAIN! WATER! WATER! WHERE ARE YOU, WATER?
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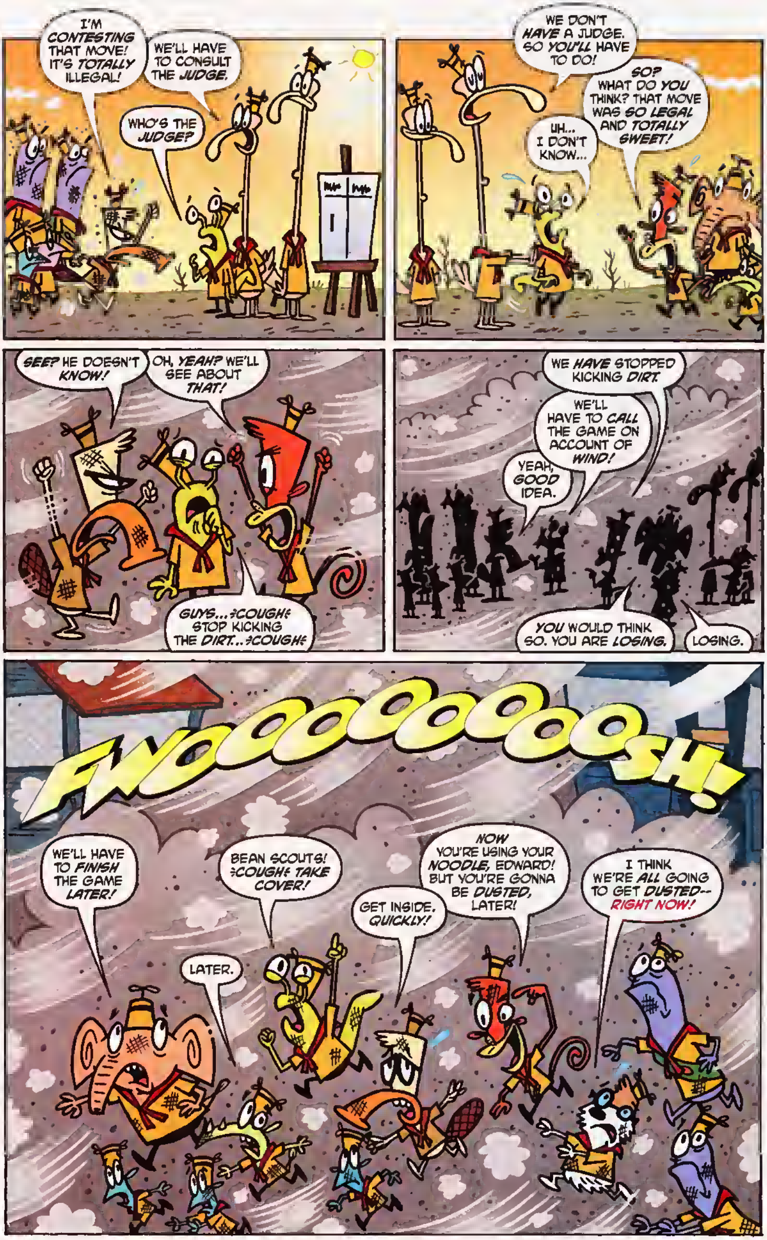


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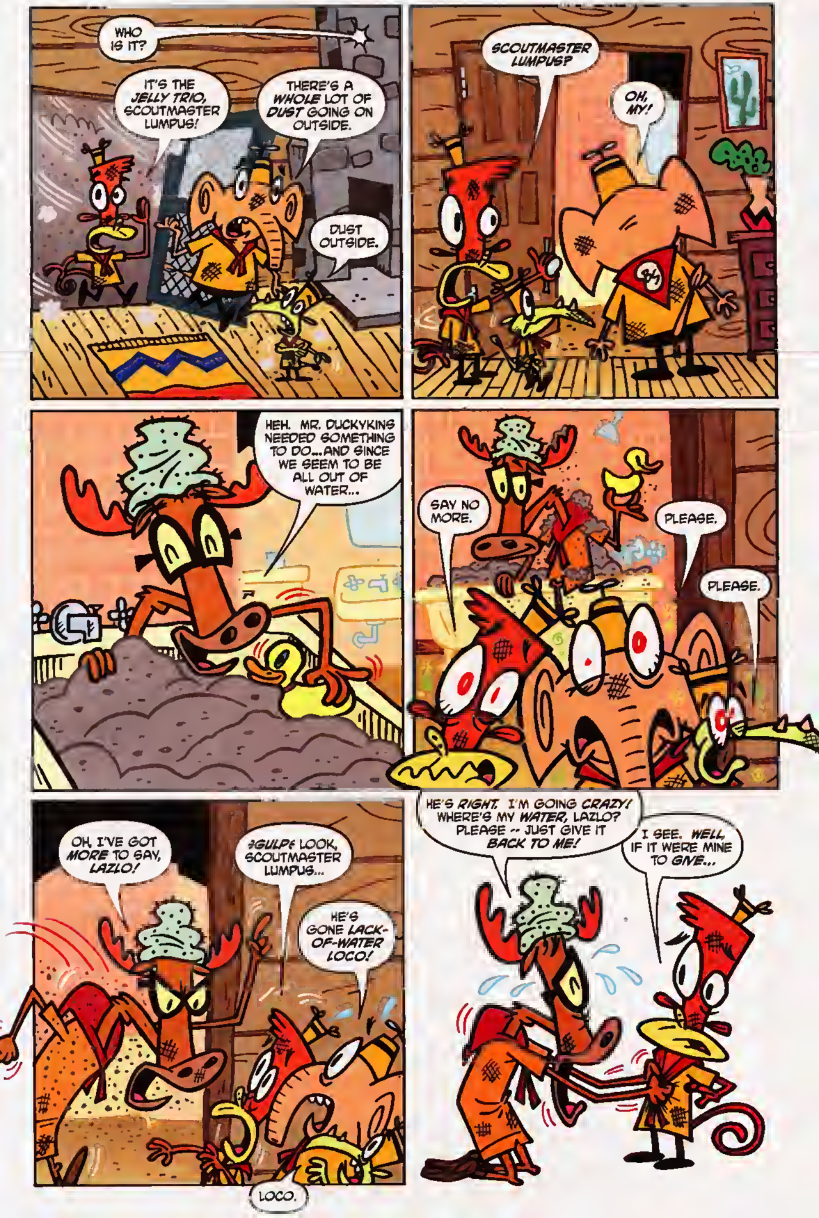

WA... TER...
YIPES! OW! HEY, THIS IS NO DREAM!
SNAP OUT OF IT, MAN!
YES, SIR! NO DREAM, SIR! CAMP KIDNEY IS OUT OF WATER, SIR!
IT CAN'T BE! THE LAKE IS EMPTY? SOMETHING SMELLS FISHY HERE.
COULD IT BE...
...THE FISH?
SEE! THEY'RE STILL ALIVE. THIS HAS JUST HAPPENED!
THIS IS NOT NATURAL. THIS IS LAZLO!
SEE HOW HAPPY THEY ARE? THAT'S NOT RIGHT!
KEEP AN EYE ON LAZLO, SLINKMAN! THAT LITTLE STINKER MUST BE UP TO SOMETHING.
WELL, THEY ARE BOYS PLAYING IN DIRT.


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CHARGE! COME ON, MEN! LET'S DUST THOSE GUYS!
GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT, LAZLO'S LAME-O'S!
OOO! LOW BLOW FROM EDWARD'S TEAM. BUT WILL TAUNTING KEEP THEM CLEAN?
I DOUBT IT. LAZLO HAS A FEW DIRTY TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE.
RAJ! GO WIDE! WE'LL RUN THE DUSTY END!
GOTCHA! DUSTY END IT IS!
CLAM! FINISH IT WITH A DIRTY BACKSIDE!
DIRTY BACKSIDE!
SAMSON! DUST 'EM!
YOU GOT IIIIIT! OOOF!
HA HA HA! SAMSON BIT THE DUST!
NICE SETUP, SAMSON! NOW LEMME TAKE IT HOME!
UH, SURE?
WHA--? NO! *COUGH* *COUGH*
COUGH COUGH COUGH
SO, WHAT ARE YOU GUYS PLAYING? DIRTBALL?
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A DIRTBALL? THIS IS DUSTED.
DO YOU SEE A BALL? A HIGH CONCEPT-HIGH IMPACT GAME OF SKILL AND IMAGINATION.
LAZLO
EDGAR

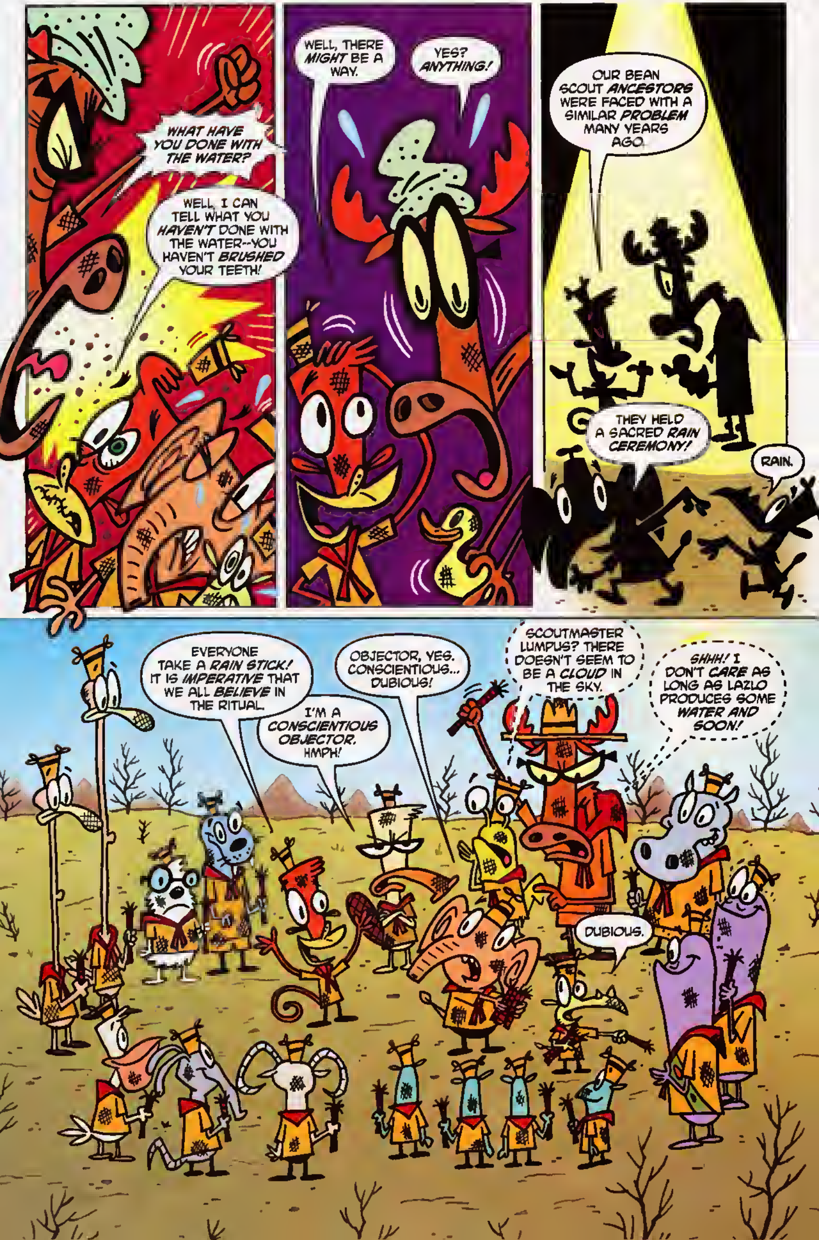


I'M CONTESTING THAT MOVE! IT'S TOTALLY ILLEGAL!
WE'LL HAVE TO CONSULT THE JUDGE.
WHO'S THE JUDGE?
WE DON'T HAVE A JUDGE. SO YOU'LL HAVE TO DO!
SO? WHAT DO YOU THINK? THAT MOVE WAS SO LEGAL AND TOTALLY SWEET!
UH... I DON'T KNOW...
SEE? HE DOESN'T KNOW!
OH, YEAH? WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!
GUYS... ⦂COUGH⦂ STOP KICKING THE DIRT... ⦂COUGH⦂
WE HAVE STOPPED KICKING DIRT.
WE'LL HAVE TO CALL THE GAME ON ACCOUNT OF WIND!
YEAH, GOOD IDEA.
YOU WOULD THINK SO. YOU ARE LOSING.
LOSING.
FWOOOOOOOOOSH!
WE'LL HAVE TO FINISH THE GAME LATER!
LATER.
BEAN SCOUTS! ⦂COUGH⦂ TAKE COVER!
GET INSIDE. QUICKLY!
NOW YOU'RE USING YOUR NOODLE, EDWARD! BUT YOU'RE GONNA BE DUSTED, LATER!
I THINK WE'RE ALL GOING TO GET DUSTED-- RIGHT NOW!



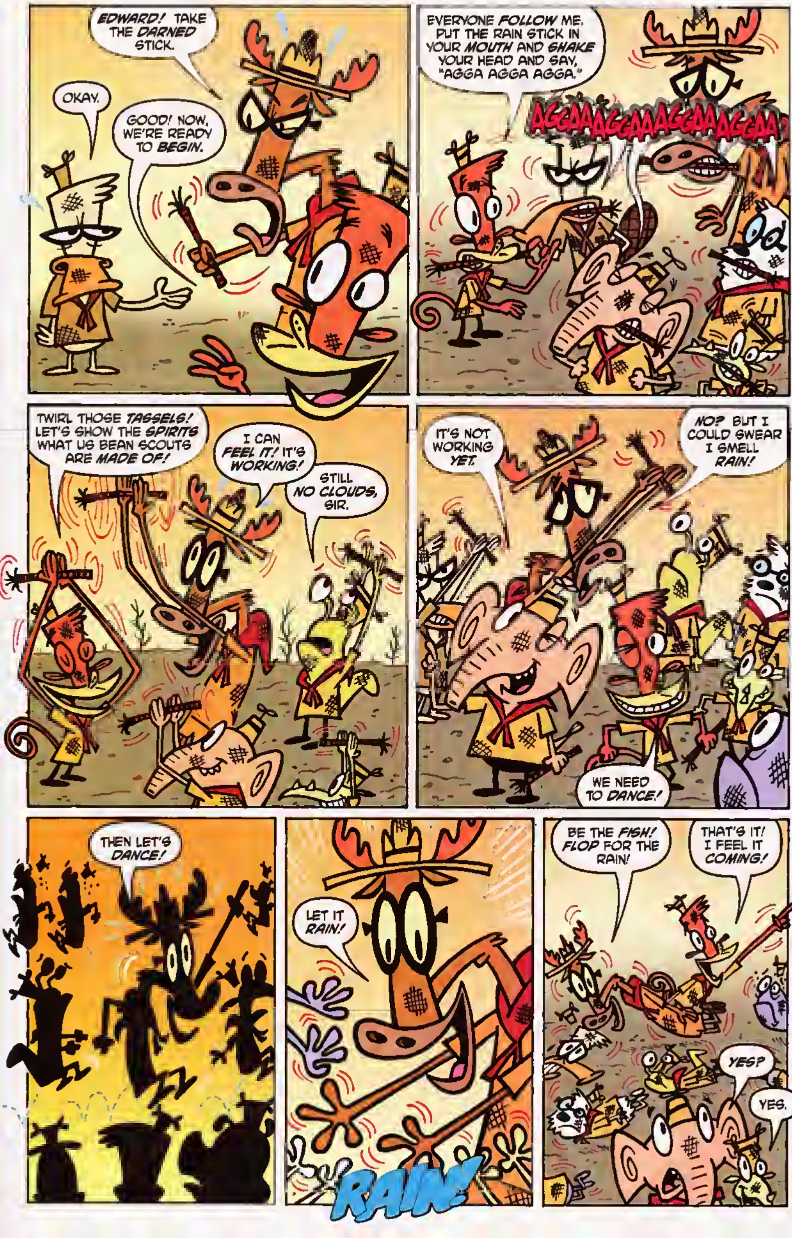
WHO IS IT?
IT'S THE *JELLY TRIO*, SCOUTMASTER LUMPUS!
THERE'S A *WHOLE* LOT OF *DUST* GOING ON OUTSIDE.
DUST OUTSIDE.
SCOUTMASTER LUMPUS?
OH, MY!
HEH. MR. DUCKYKINS NEEDED SOMETHING TO DO...AND SINCE WE SEEM TO BE ALL OUT OF WATER...
SAY NO MORE.
PLEASE.
PLEASE.
OH, I'VE GOT *MORE* TO SAY, *LAZLO!*
GULP LOOK, SCOUTMASTER LUMPUS...
HE'S GONE *LACK-OF-WATER LOCO!*
LOCO.
HE'S *RIGHT*. I'M GOING *CRAZY!* WHERE'S MY *WATER*, LAZLO? PLEASE -- JUST GIVE IT *BACK TO ME!*
I SEE. *WELL*, IF IT WERE MINE TO *GIVE*...


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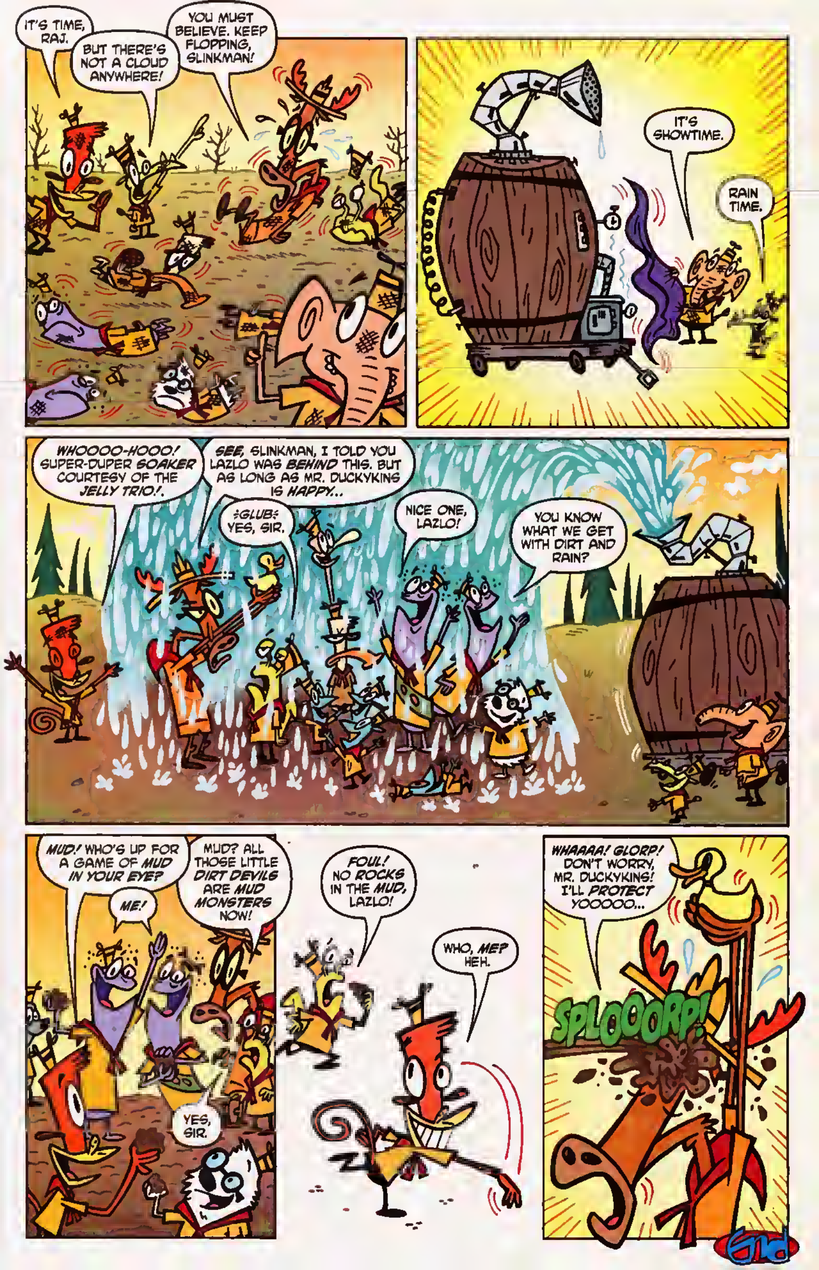
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THE WATER?
WELL, I CAN TELL WHAT YOU HAVEN'T DONE WITH THE WATER--YOU HAVEN'T BRUSHED YOUR TEETH!
WELL, THERE MIGHT BE A WAY.
YES? ANYTHING!
OUR BEAN SCOUT ANCESTORS WERE FACED WITH A SIMILAR PROBLEM MANY YEARS AGO.
THEY HELD A SACRED RAIN CEREMONY!
RAIN.
EVERYONE TAKE A RAIN STICK! IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ALL BELIEVE IN THE RITUAL.
I'M A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR. HMPH!
OBJECTOR, YES. CONSCIENTIOUS... DUBIOUS!
SCOUTMASTER LUMPUS? THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A CLOUD IN THE SKY.
SHHH! I DON'T CARE AS LONG AS LAZLO PRODUCES SOME WATER AND SOON!
DUBIOUS.


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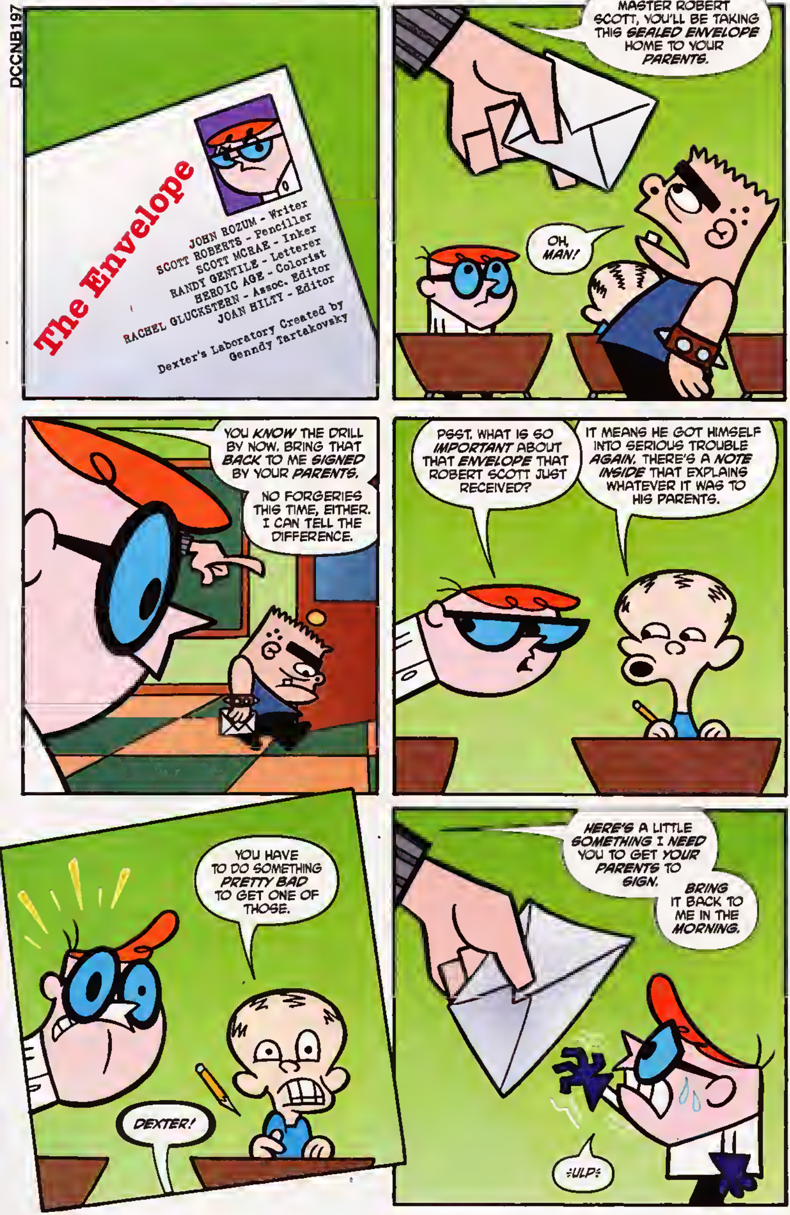
EDWARD! TAKE THE DARNED STICK.
OKAY.
GOOD! NOW, WE'RE READY TO BEGIN.
EVERYONE FOLLOW ME. PUT THE RAIN STICK IN YOUR MOUTH AND SHAKE YOUR HEAD AND SAY, "AGGA AGGA AGGA."
AGGAAAGGAAAGGAAAGGAA
TWIRL THOSE TASSELS! LET'S SHOW THE SPIRITS WHAT US BEAN SCOUTS ARE MADE OF!
I CAN FEEL IT! IT'S WORKING!
STILL NO CLOUDS, SIR.
IT'S NOT WORKING YET.
NO? BUT I COULD SWEAR I SMELL RAIN!
WE NEED TO DANCE!
THEN LET'S DANCE!
LET IT RAIN!
RAIN!
BE THE FISH! FLOP FOR THE RAIN!
THAT'S IT! I FEEL IT COMING!
YES?
YES.

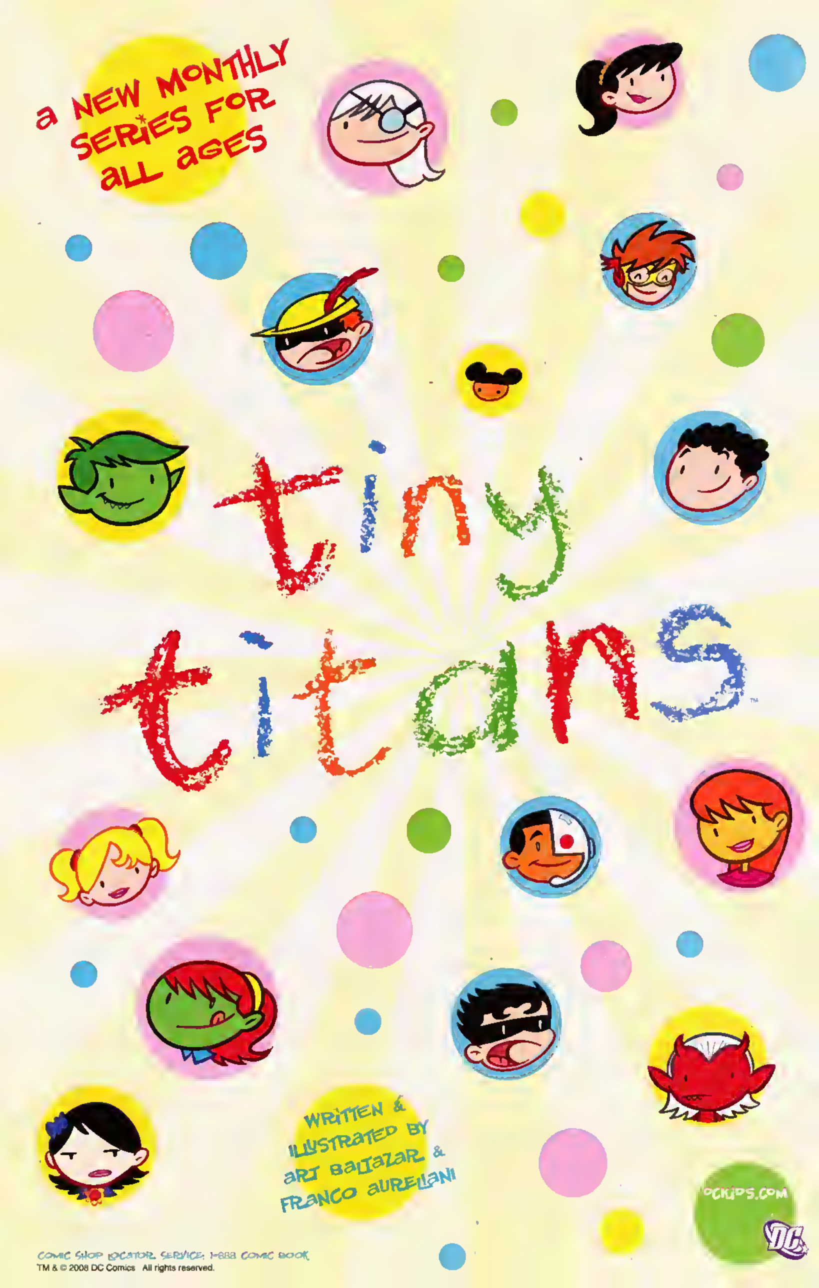

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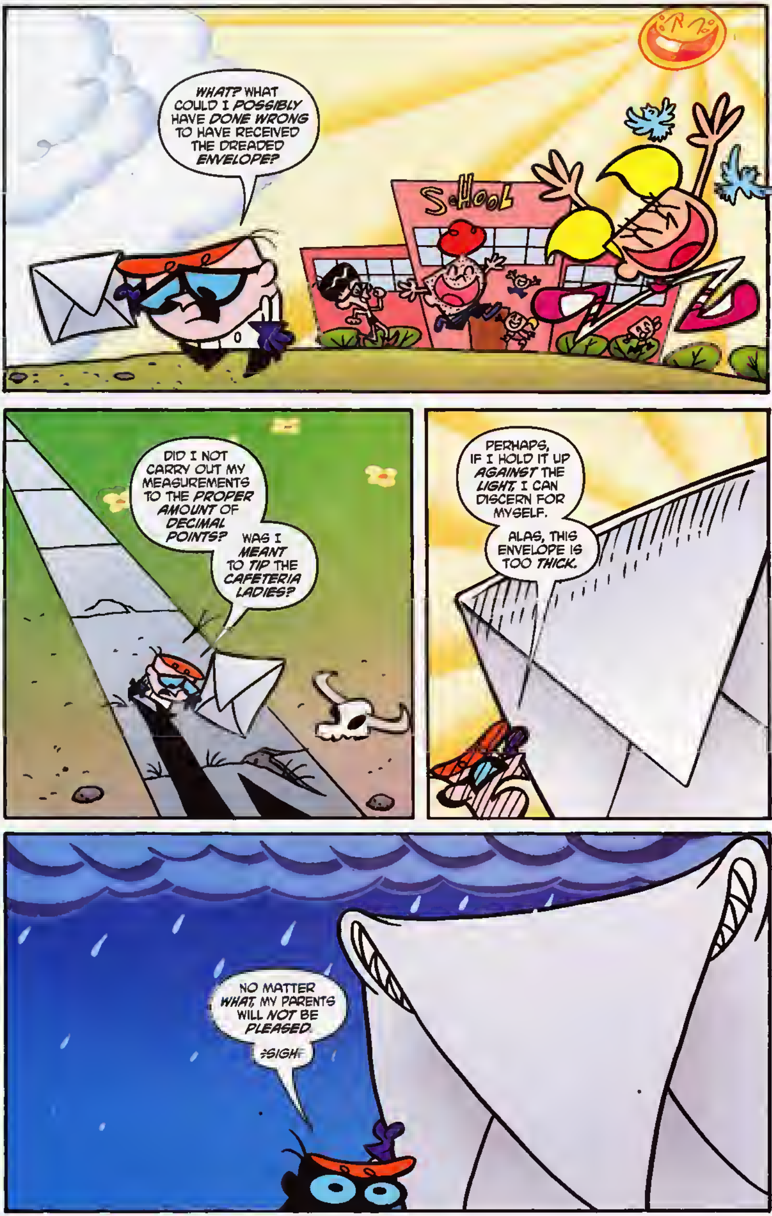


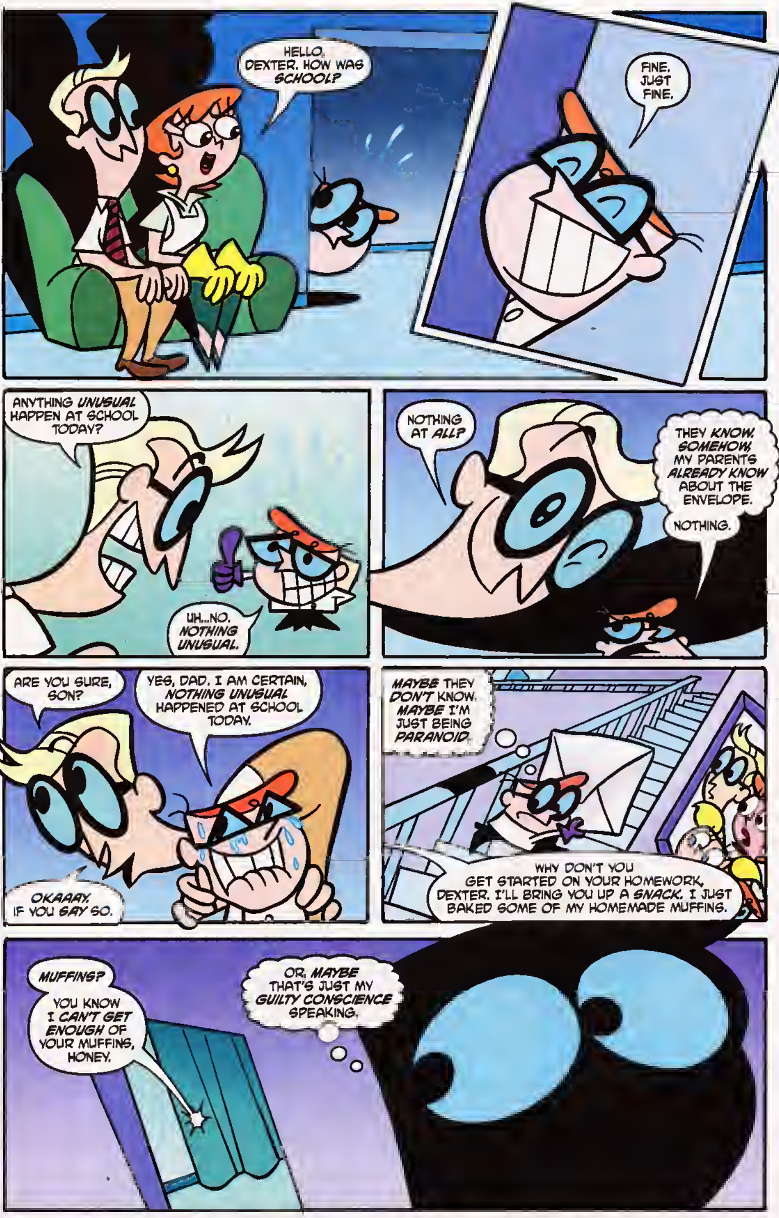
IT'S TIME, RAJ.
BUT THERE'S NOT A CLOUD ANYWHERE!
YOU MUST BELIEVE. KEEP FLOPPING, SLINKMAN!
IT'S SHOWTIME.
RAIN TIME.
WHOOOO-HOOO! SUPER-DUPER SOAKER COURTESY OF THE JELLY TRIO!.
SEE, SLINKMAN, I TOLD YOU LAZLO WAS BEHIND THIS. BUT AS LONG AS MR. DUCKYKING IS HAPPY...
÷GLUB÷ YES, SIR.
NICE ONE, LAZLO!
YOU KNOW WHAT WE GET WITH DIRT AND RAIN?
MUD! WHO'S UP FOR A GAME OF MUD IN YOUR EYE?
ME!
MUD? ALL THOSE LITTLE DIRT DEVILS ARE MUD MONSTERS NOW!
YES, SIR.
FOUL! NO ROCKS IN THE MUD, LAZLO!
WHO, ME? HEH.
WHAAAA! GLORP! DON'T WORRY, MR. DUCKYKINS! I'LL PROTECT YOOOOO...
SPLOOOORP!
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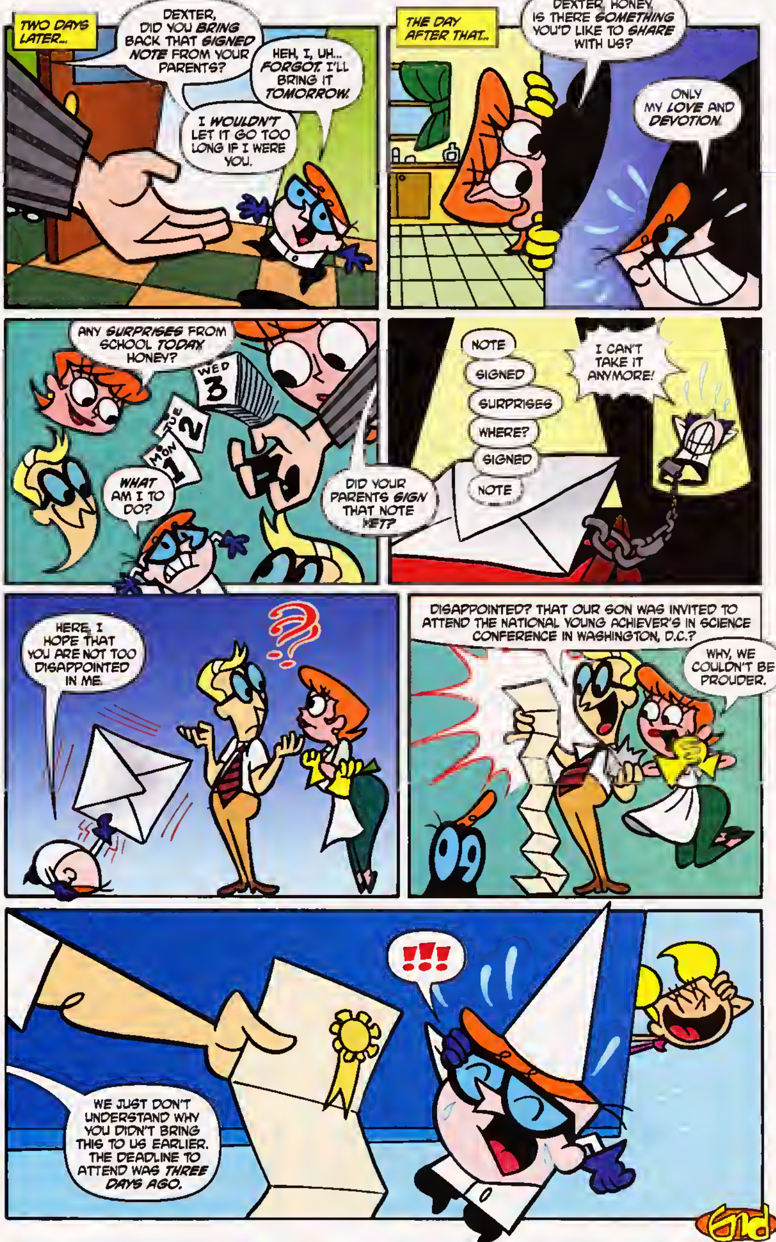

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OH, MAN!
YOU KNOW THE DRILL BY NOW. BRING THAT BACK TO ME SIGNED BY YOUR PARENTS.
NO FORGERIES THIS TIME, EITHER. I CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE.
PSST. WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THAT ENVELOPE THAT ROBERT SCOTT JUST RECEIVED?
IT MEANS HE GOT HIMSELF INTO SERIOUS TROUBLE AGAIN. THERE'S A NOTE INSIDE THAT EXPLAINS WHATEVER IT WAS TO HIS PARENTS.
YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING PRETTY BAD TO GET ONE OF THOSE.
DEXTER!
HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING I NEED YOU TO GET YOUR PARENTS TO SIGN.
BRING IT BACK TO ME IN THE MORNING.
ULP


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WHAT? WHAT COULD I POSSIBLY HAVE DONE WRONG TO HAVE RECEIVED THE DREADED ENVELOPE?
SCHOOL
DID I NOT CARRY OUT MY MEASUREMENTS TO THE PROPER AMOUNT OF DECIMAL POINTS?
WAS I MEANT TO TIP THE CAFETERIA LADIES?
PERHAPS, IF I HOLD IT UP AGAINST THE LIGHT, I CAN DISCERN FOR MYSELF.
ALAS, THIS ENVELOPE IS TOO THICK.
NO MATTER WHAT, MY PARENTS WILL NOT BE PLEASED.
SIGH


HELLO, DEXTER. HOW WAS SCHOOL?
FINE. JUST FINE.
ANYTHING UNUSUAL HAPPEN AT SCHOOL TODAY?
UH...NO. NOTHING UNUSUAL.
NOTHING AT ALL?
THEY KNOW. SOMEHOW, MY PARENTS ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THE ENVELOPE.
NOTHING.
ARE YOU SURE, SON?
YES, DAD. I AM CERTAIN. NOTHING UNUSUAL HAPPENED AT SCHOOL TODAY.
OKAAAY. IF YOU SAY SO.
MAYBE THEY DON'T KNOW. MAYBE I'M JUST BEING PARANOID.
WHY DON'T YOU GET STARTED ON YOUR HOMEWORK, DEXTER. I'LL BRING YOU UP A SNACK. I JUST BAKED SOME OF MY HOMEMADE MUFFINS.
MUFFINS?
YOU KNOW I CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF YOUR MUFFINS, HONEY.
OR, MAYBE THAT'S JUST MY GUILTY CONSCIENCE SPEAKING.



TWO DAYS LATER...
DEXTER, DID YOU BRING BACK THAT SIGNED NOTE FROM YOUR PARENTS?
HEH, I, UH... FORGOT. I'LL BRING IT TOMORROW.
I WOULDN'T LET IT GO TOO LONG IF I WERE YOU.
THE DAY AFTER THAT...
DEXTER, HONEY, IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH US?
ONLY MY LOVE AND DEVOTION.
ANY SURPRISES FROM SCHOOL TODAY, HONEY?
WED 3
TUE 2
MON 1
WHAT AM I TO DO?
DID YOUR PARENTS SIGN THAT NOTE YET?
NOTE
SIGNED
SURPRISES
WHERE?
SIGNED
NOTE
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
HERE. I HOPE THAT YOU ARE NOT TOO DISAPPOINTED IN ME.
DISAPPOINTED? THAT OUR SON WAS INVITED TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL YOUNG ACHIEVER'S IN SCIENCE CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?
WHY, WE COULDN'T BE PROUDER.
!!!
WE JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DIDN'T BRING THIS TO US EARLIER. THE DEADLINE TO ATTEND WAS THREE DAYS AGO.
End

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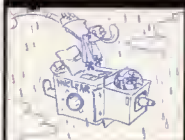


Hi, I'm Johnny DC. What I like to do most is read your letters and put your drawings about your favorite characters on this page. BUT...you're not sending enough letters and drawings. When that happens, I have to write something ALL BY MYSELF. It's like doing HOMEWORK!

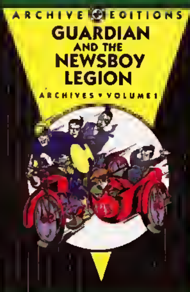
Anyway, here's today's book report...

THOSE CRAZY KIDS – IN COMICS
(PART ONE OF TWO)

Many issues of CARTOON NETWORK BLOCK PARTY have an off-the-wall story about ED, EDD 'N' EOOY. The "Eds" are a bunch (or gang) of neighborhood kids with funny names who get into trouble. They're not rich, so Eddy is always inventing schemes just to get a handful of quarters. Things go really wrong when they try to do adult things – like perform opera, organize a rodeo, or build a submarine.



People have always enjoyed stories about kids having fun. Children like to read about people like themselves – maybe doing something crazier than they would do themselves (because who really wants to sink in a homemade submarine?). Adults like to see people like their sons and daughters; and they like to remember about when they were young also (it may be hard to imagine your mom skinning her knee and getting her best clothes dirty, but she probably did). Comic books became big in the early 1940s. It was a troubled time for the USA. Many people lost their jobs and went hungry during the Oepression, and then



World War Two began. These dramas showed in the comics.
THE NEWSBOY LEGION (1942) was a Depression story. The boys were orphans, lived in a slum, and earned their own livings selling newspapers. They were the only kid "gang" in comics to break the law (I think they stole some apples) but a policeman named Jim Harper became their guardian so he could keep them out of trouble and protect them. When Jim Harper became a superhero (named The Guardian, of course), it was a good thing, because Scrapper, Gabby, Tommy, and Big Words ran into trouble with villains and gangsters every month. 1942 was a big year for comic books, and the cartoon kids helped fight World War Two and even became superheroes themselves! And years later, there were TV and cartoons (can you say "Rooby Roo?"). But I'll go into all of that next month in Part Two!

Don't make me do homework.



Write to Johnny DC

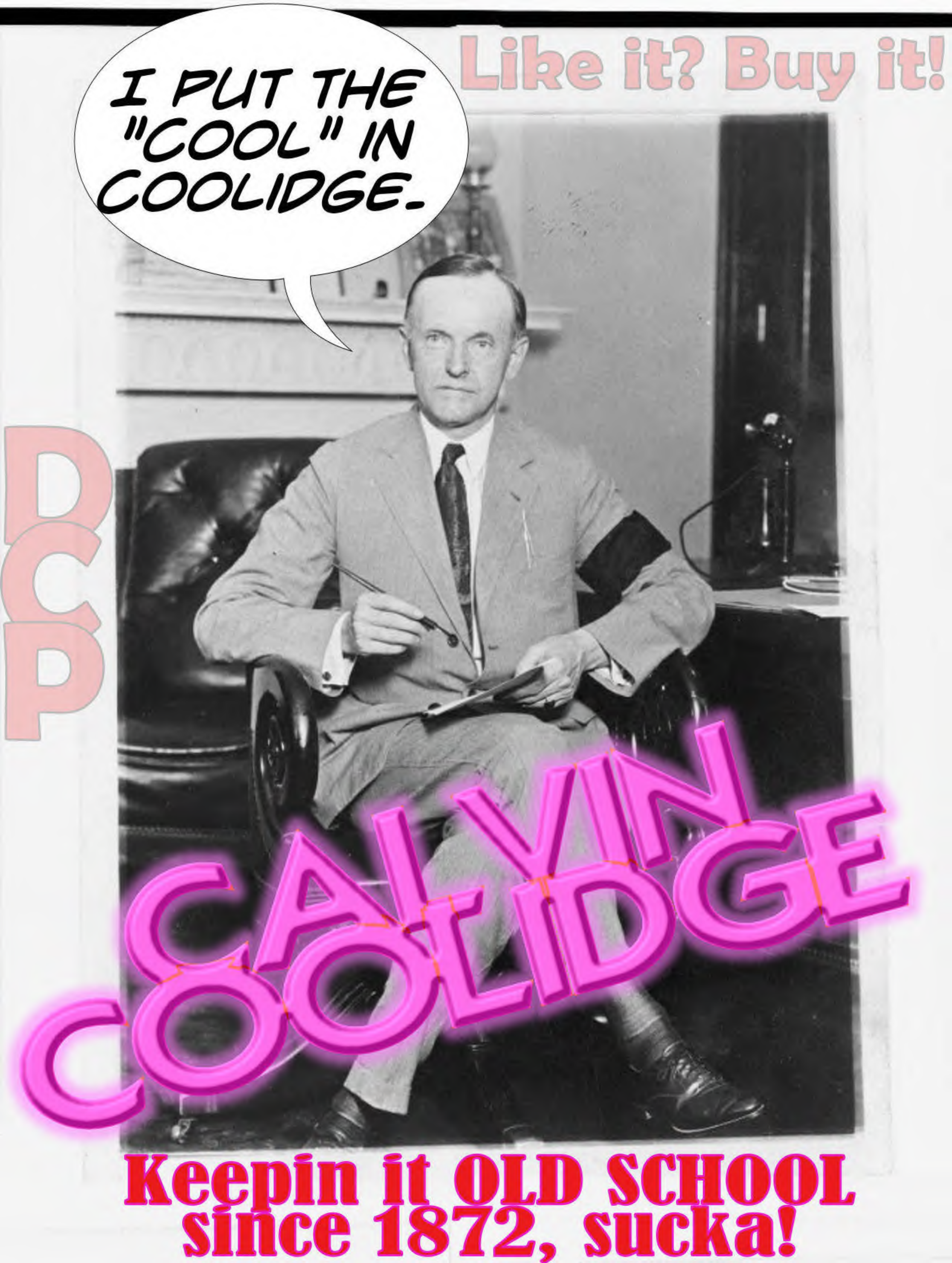
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